24th February 1930]

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Notice has been taken by Government of the delay on the part of the District Judge concerned.

Selection of District Munsifs.

*1438 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates who applied for the post of District Munsif from Madras City and the mufassal last year;

(*b*) how many of these were Brahmans, non-Brahmans, Muslims and Christians respectively;

(*c*) how many candidates were selected from Madras City and the mufassal and how many of these belong to each of the communities mentioned in (*b*); and

(*d*) whether the High Court has ever communicated to the Government the principles on which the selection was made?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to answer to clause (*d*) may I know the principles on which the High Court has made the selection?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The High Court have stated that they make the selection on the basis of efficiency, and consistently with efficiency they observe, as far as possible, the principle of communal representation."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I now why only 13 candidates were selected from the mufassal, while 17 were selected out of a smaller number of candidates from the city?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am sorry, I cannot answer that question. The Government have no hand in selecting the candidates. The matter is entirely in the hands of the High Court."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, the hon. the Law Member said that the High Court has said that consistently with efficiency it would observe the rules regarding communal representation. May I know if it is anything different from that governing other departments?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I want notice. I am not in a position to answer with regard to all other departments."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"What about your department?"

Selection of District Munsifs.

*1439 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. DAVIS: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that recently the High Court selected 30 candidates for the post of District Munsif, and that of the candidates selected, as many as 17 were of one community now preponderating the Judicial service;

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 141 *infra*.